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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 26, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued February 26, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 26, 2002 Office Action is due March 26, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

On page 2 of the February 26, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner to whom the subject application is assigned required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 235-251, 254-263, 266-271 and 276-281, drawn to methods of identifying compounds that bind to or are antagonists of mammalian SNORF72 receptor;

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